

House Committee on Retirement

Minutes of Meeting
2021 Regular Session
May 13, 2021

I. CALL TO ORDER

Representative Lance Harris, chairman of the House Committee on Retirement, called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. in Room 4, in the state capitol in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

II. ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Representative Lance Harris, chairman
Representative Roy Daryl Adams
Representative Tony Bacala
Representative Gerald "Beau" Beaulieu, IV, vice chairman
Representative Michael "Gabe" Firment
Representative John R. Illg, Jr.
Representative Patrick O. Jefferson
Representative Richard James Nelson
Representative Phillip Eric Tarver

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Representative Julie Emerson
Representative Aimee Adatto Freeman
Representative Paul Hollis
Representative Barry Ivey

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Joey David, legislative analyst
Bryan D. Vincent, director
Jennifer Watson, committee administrative assistant

ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES PRESENT:

Angela McKnight, sergeant at arms
Kylan Melancon, clerk

III. DISCUSSION OF LEGISLATION

House Concurrent Resolution No. 61 by Representative Kerner

Representative Kerner presented House Concurrent Resolution No. 61, which directs the Firefighters' Retirement System to form a committee to study issues related to allowing employees of private entities to participate in the system.

Representative Illg offered a motion to report House Concurrent Resolution No. 61 favorably. Without objection, House Concurrent Resolution No. 61 was reported favorably by a vote of 8 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Harris, Adams, Beaulieu, Firment, Illg, Jefferson, Nelson, and Tarver voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 1 in support, and 1 for information only. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

Senate Bill No. 18 by Senator Johns

Senator Johns presented Senate Bill No. 18, which provides for the reemployment of retirees.

Lieutenant Colonel Jason Starnes, Louisiana State Police, 7919 Independence Boulevard, Baton Rouge, LA 70809, (225) 925-1900, spoke for information only on Senate Bill No. 18.

Representative Harris offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 18 favorably. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 18 was reported favorably by a vote of 9 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Harris, Adams, Bacala, Beaulieu, Firment, Illg, Jefferson, Nelson, and Tarver voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 1 in support, and 4 for information only. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

Senate Bill No. 23 by Senator Fesi

Senator Fesi presented Senate Bill No. 23, which provides certain enhanced survivor benefits and insurance coverage for the spouses and children of members killed in the line of duty.

Kevin Reed, director, Louisiana State Police Retirement System, 9224 Jefferson Highway, Baton Rouge, LA 70809, (225) 295-8400, spoke for information only on Senate Bill No. 23.

Representative Beaulieu offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 23 favorably. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 23 was reported favorably by a vote of 9 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Harris, Adams, Bacala, Beaulieu, Firment, Illg, Jefferson, Nelson, and Tarver voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 1 in support, and 3 for information only. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

IV. OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Representative Illg offered a motion to adjourn. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 9 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Harris, Adams, Bacala, Beaulieu, Firment, Illg, Jefferson, Nelson, and Tarver voted yea.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:51 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chairman Lance Harris
House Committee on Retirement

Date adopted: